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SUBJECT: EAST GERMAN PARTY-GOVERNMENT DELEGATION VISIT TO
ETHIOPIA

SUMMARY: EAST GERMAN POLITBURO MEMBER WERNER LAMBERZ RETURNED TO ADDIS ABABA THIS WEEK AT HEAD OF HIGH-LEVEL DELEGATION FOR EXTENSIVE ROUND OF TALKS WITH PMAC CHAIRMAN MENGISTU AND OTHER TOP ETHIOPIAN OFFICIALS. ALTHOUGH LAMBERZ WAS GIVEN RED CARPET TREATMENT, PRESS SHEDS LITTLE LIGHT ON SPECIFIC PURPOSES OF VISIT, OTHER THAN SIGNING OF TRADE PROTOCOL. VISIT WAS MARRED BY INCIDENT CAUSING SOMALI AMBASSADOR TO WALK OUT OF STATE BANQUEST AS RESULT OF SPEECH BY PMAC SECRETARY GENERAL FIKRE-SELASSIE WOGDERESS, ACCUSING SOMALIA OF ARMED INFILTRATION, CRIMINAL SABOTAGE, AND PREPARING TO ANNEX DJIBOUTI. END SUMMARY.

1. FOR SECOND TIME IN FIVE MONTHS, SED POLITBURO MEMBER AND CENTRAL COMMITTEE SECRETARY WERNER LAMBERZ VISITED ETHIOPIA AT HEAD OF HIGH-LEVEL EAST GERMAN PARTY-GOVERNMENT DELEGATION.
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TION, INCLUDING TWO DEPUTY MINISTERS (WILLERDING, FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND CLAUSNITZER, FOREIGN TRADE), DEPUTY PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIRMAN DIETER ALBRECHT, AND SEVERAL OTHER SED CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS. AS USUAL, PRESS ACCOUNTS DESCRIBING VISIT ARE LONG ON SPACE AND PROMINENCE, SINGULARLY UNINFORMATIVE AS TO SUBSTANCE OF DISCUSSIONS.

2. SINCE ARRIVING JUNE 13, LAMBERZ GROUP HAS ENGAGED IN LENGTHY DISCUSSIONS AT FONMIN AND NATIONAL PALACE WITH HIS OFFICIAL HOST, PMAC SEC GEN CAPT. FIKRE-SELASSIE WOGDERESS, AND KEY ETHIOPIAN CABINET MEMBERS, AND CALLED ON PMAC CHAIRMAN MENGISTU HAILE-MARIAM. OTHER MEMBERS OF GROUP HAVE MET SEPARATELY WITH THEIR ETHIOPIAN COUNTERPARTS. GROUP WAS ALSO TAKEN ON INSPECTION TOUR OF SIGA MEDA MILITARY TRAINING CAMP OUTSIDE OF ADDIS WHERE PEOPLE'S MILITIA FROM ALL OVER COUNTRY ARE BEING PREPARED FOR INTENSIFICATION OF EPMG MILITARY OPERATIONS. DELEGATION LEAVES ADDIS JUNE 17, BOUND FOR LUSAKA.

3. APART FROM NUMEROUS ASSURANCES OF GDR SUPPORT FOR ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION, ONLY HARD FACTS THAT EMERGE FROM PRESS ON WHAT WAS DISCUSSED RELATE TO FUTURE (UNSPECIFIED) BILATERAL COOPERATION AS REGARDS CENTRAL PLANNING AND TRADE. TRADE PROTOCOL WAS SIGNED JUNE 17, BUT NO DETAILS PROVIDED. DURING SECOND MEETING WITH FIKRE-SELASSIE, OTHER PMAC MEMBERS RESPONSIBLE FOR POLITICAL EDUCATION OF MILITARY AND FOR INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS WERE PRESENT, AND ETHIOPIANS MAY BE LOOKING TO GDR FOR ORGANIZATIONAL ADVICE IN THOSE FIELDS. EMBASSY HAS ALSO HEARD THAT ETHIOPIANS ARE SEEKING GDR ADVICE ON ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL YOUTH ORGANIZATION, SIMILAR TO EAST GERMAN FREE GERMAN YOUTH.

4. OF EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, GDR HAS BEEN MOST SUPPORTIVE OF SOVIET UNION IN CULTIVATING EPMG. IT HAS BEEN CHARY TO DATE, HOWEVER, OF SPENDING MUCH MONEY IN PROCESS, BANKING INSTEAD ON EXPRESSIONS OF SOLIDARITY, FREE ADVICE AND HIGH-LEVEL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VISITS. ON NEGATIVE SIDE, STUSAED ETHIOPIAN AFFRONT TO SOMALI AMBASSADOR DURING JUNE 15 BANQUET IN LAMBERZ'S HONOR (SEPTTEL) CAN HARDLY HAVE SERVED SOVBLOC INTERESTS AND WILL ONLY ADD TO POLARIZATION OF CONFLICT BETWEEN TWO SOVIET CLIENTS IN HORN.
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